

CITY OF REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

December 14, 2006

Redmond City Hall Conference Room

"Voice the views of the community to Mayor and City Council in reference to all cultural endeavors"

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Roy Leban, Vice Chair Tom Flynn, Eva Moon, John Stilin, Latha Sambamurti, Kay Tarapolsi, and Jill Krusinski

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Kamal Siegel

STAFF PRESENT: Debra Churchill, Recreation Program Manager; Jill Smith, Events & Marketing Coordinator; Mary Yelanjian, Arts Administrator; Meagan Farrell, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Jay Levey, Artist

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AGENDA

Note: Bold/italic text denotes Staff and Commissioner follow-up resulting from this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Roy Leban called to order the regular meeting of the Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) at 7:05 p.m. at Redmond City Hall.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) minutes of November 9, 2006 were approved with following amendments:

- VI, A – Change sentence to read "There is over \$80,000 that has not been used."
- VI, D – Change sentence to read "She stated that % for Art will probably not be applied to all capitol projects..."
- VII, A – Change "Stilin" to "John Davis" and the name "Culture" to "4Culture."
- VIII, C – Add that the concert was held in Redmond.

Motion for approval of the RAC minutes of November 9, 2006 as submitted by: Chair Leban
Second by: Commissioner Tarapolsi
Motion carried: 7-0 unanimous

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

II. Meeting Organization:

C. Add report on meeting with mayor

Motion for approval of the RAC agenda of December 14, 2006 as submitted by: Chair Leban
Second by:
Motion carried: 7-0 unanimous

IV. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. Arts Awards – Smith

Nine applicants submitted entries. The top three were selected and their work was on display for RAC to judge. Jay Levey, one of the artists, was present. His style of art is Mixed Message Raku. One of his pieces was entitled Jacob's Ladder. Leban pointed out that "Jacob's Ladder" is a religious term and can not be used for a city award. Levey stated that it would not be a problem to re-name the piece and that it has no religious significance. He stated that the honorarium was ample to produce the pieces needed if he was selected. Also on displayed and considered were encaustic paintings by Carol Chellino and metal sculptures by Thor Myhre.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Chair Report – Leban

No report.

B. Vice Chair Report - Flynn

Leban and Flynn met with the mayor to discuss her process in selecting arts commissioners. Flynn reported that the mayor looks at the current commission and evaluates what strengths a candidate should possess to round out the group. She was understanding of the RAC dilemma of the transition process when commissioners are replaced. She agreed that it would be a good idea to notify commissioners ahead of time if they won't be renewed for an additional term. She was pleased with the restructure as she wants RAC to stay strategic and not get caught up in work that should be done by staff. The Arts budget will not be cut in this budget year.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

B. Commission Vacancies - Churchill

Commissioner Shine has resigned. Churchill is holding off on filling that vacancy because Tarapolsi is leaving in March. It would be more efficient to advertise for both openings at the same time. A reporter is doing an article to be released on January 10th about RAC and Churchill let them know about the vacancies, so it will be advertised in that capacity until it is formally listed. Flynn stated that the mayor would like feedback from the commission on what type of skills a new commissioner should possess to add to the group's existing strengths. ***Churchill is creating a job announcement and will email it to RAC for feedback. Please review it and email Yelanjian with comments.***

Three applicants applied for the youth commission. Interviews will be conducted by Yelanjian and Stilin.

C. Introduction of New Arts Administrator - Churchill

Churchill is excited to introduce Mary Yelanjian as the new Arts Administrator. She is highly qualified and detail oriented. She has strong film background in addition to all her other experience in the arts.

VII. VISUAL ARTS

A. Arts Awards -

RAC selected artisan Jay Levey for the arts awards. They specifically selected the piece currently titled "Jacob's Ladder" although that name will be changed. They want the sculpture with no backing, to hang on the wall and with the plaque attached. RAC will ask him to submit some suggestions on how to do that.

Motion to approve Jay Levey as the 2007 Arts Award Artist:

Commissioner Tarapolsi

Second by: Vice Chair Stilin

Motion carried: 7-0 unanimous

VIII. SPECIAL ITEMS

A. Commission Assignments - Stilin

The restructuring chart is complete. Committee meetings will start in January. A chair for each committee needs to be selected. The Chair's

predominant role is to organize meetings, set agenda, oversee operations (make sure goals are met) and make reports to RAC.

RAC was happy with the structure and their assignments. The only change was Commissioner Moon who asked to serve only on the Resources Committee.

There was discussion about how committees should be structured and what the specific responsibilities are, such as legal minute requirements. ***RAC agreed that Restructure Committee would meet again to work out the specific details on how the committees will run. If RAC has any questions or ideas about how the committees should operate, email them to Stilin.***

The chairs for the committees are as follows: Community Arts, Sambamurti; Management, Stilin; Resources, Moon. In setting committee meetings, the chair must notify Churchill, Bettencourt, Smith and Yelanjian on the time and location. A staff member will be present at each meeting. Meetings must be set at least a week in advance and must be publicized.

INTERMISSION

IX. PERFORMING ARTS - Sambamurti

A. Winter Performance Series

The brochures are out and they look great. RAC was asked to distribute brochures around the community. Yelanjian will look into getting this made into a PDF file so RAC can email it out.

The flier for the Chinese Performing Arts is completed. It was designed in English and Chinese and will be mailed out to the Chinese community and the Chinese school in Redmond on December 20.

Yelanjian was asked to send the information on Brothers From Different Mothers to local parent/child publications for promotion.

Sambamurti recruited another sponsor for the 2007 Winter Performance Series. Namasthe – Cuisine of India in Redmond donated \$700. RAC thanks them for their support.

Volunteer sheets for the performances will be passed out at the January RAC meeting.

X. VISUAL ARTS (continued)

A. City Hall Lobby Idea -

Each commissioner will pick a council member to lobby to get photos moved and art in its place. Ideas on where to put the photos and art would be appreciated too. ***This will be discussed further at the January meeting.***

B. ROS Curator -

There was one applicant for the ROS curator. The applicant is very strong. The interview was to be held on December 19 at 11:00, but no RAC can attend. December 18 looks like a better date. ***Yelanjian will reschedule the interview time and notify RAC.***

XI. GRANTS – Tarapolsi

A. RASP -

Motion to support RASP \$1500 for the Organizational Support Grant: Commissioner Tarapolsi.

Second by: Commissioner Stilin

Motion carried: 7-0 unanimous

B. SecondStory Rep -

This group had not been paid for their grant. Staff informed them that payment is being processed.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Elections for the new chair and vice chair is coming up. Leban's term expires at the end of February and the new chair takes over in March. In January there will be informal nominations, in February RAC will vote. Nominations can be accepted anytime until the vote, however nominating in January gives nominees time to speak to RAC about why they want the position. Roy suggested that RAC decide to make terms 13 months for the next year so they can be more in line with commissioner terms. ***This should be discussed in more detail in January.***

If a commissioner is interested in being chair or vice chair, email Churchill or Yelanjian.

The meeting in January is televised.

Tarapolsi complimented Smith on the excellent job she did with Redmond Lights. Tarapolsi noticed that Jill and her staff were on top of everything and kept the program running smoothly.

The Arab Center was the focus of Folk Life this year. Seattle Women's Magazine sponsored a stage and did an article on it. Tarapolsi was featured in that article.

XIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by: Commissioner Tarapolsi.

Second by: Vice Chair Flynn

Motion carried: 7-0 unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Meagan Farrell.

**NEXT REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION MEETING:
January 11, 2007
Old Redmond School House Community Center
7:00 p.m.**

Redmond Arts Commission

Meeting: December 14, 2006

Audience Present

Please note: Information provided at this public meeting becomes part of the City's permanent record.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Jay Levey, Artist		